GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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New Passport Seva Kendras
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has granted approval to open new Passport Seva Kendras in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise/Union Territory-wise details thereof;

(c) the details of total amount allocated for opening new Passport Seva Kendra in Udaipur during the year 2014-15 and 2015-16; and

(d) the time by which the new Passport Seva Kendra in Udaipur is likely to be made functional by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) Yes. The Government has granted approval to open 7 new Passport Seva Kendras (PSK) in addition to the 89 PSKs that are working across the country. These are at Indore (Madhya Pradesh), Udaipur (Rajasthan), Solapur (Maharashtra), Siliguri, Kharagpur, Branch Secretariat Kolkata (West Bengal) and Leh (Jammu & Kashmir).

(c) No expenditure was incurred during 2014-15 and 2015-16 for the opening of PSK, Udaipur. The Ministry is working on refurbishment, civil/electrical works, air conditioning and procurement of IT equipments/network installations etc. to set up the PSK. The anticipated expenditure to set up the PSK Udaipur would work out to be approximately 2.86 Crores.

(d) After completion of relevant works, it is expected that PSK, Udaipur would be made functional by the end of November, 2016.